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DAILY BRIEF
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1. South Vietnam

The Directorate has decided to turn down the constituent assembly's request for changes in those articles of the assembly's charter which empower the Directorate to amend the constitution.

Official announcement of the Directorate's position is being delayed, apparently in the hope of finding some way to sugar-coat the rejection. Some deputies, however, have already gotten wind of the decision. The Directorate's bull-headedness will disappoint the assemblymen, most of whom had hoped for a compromise on at least some of their desired changes.

2. North Vietnam

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3. Rhodesia

The sanctions program

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is unlikely either to satisfy black African governments or to have a serious impact on Rhodesia's economy.

To be effective it would have to include Rhodesian exports of manufactured goods, which would hurt Zambia, and Rhodesian imports of petroleum, which would require the cooperation of South Africa. Since South Africa will almost certainly not cooperate, sanctions would then have to be extended against South Africa as well. London would suffer from this as much as Pretoria, and the latter is in a very strong position to withstand any pressure that could be brought to bear.

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4. France

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5. Cuba

Recent photography of Soviet ships en route to Cuba has identified four guided-missile patrol craft carried as deck cargo. Another Soviet arms carrier--the ninth this year--is now en route from Leningrad.

6. Guatemala

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